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The reply filed on March 22, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

1. The reply must distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action.
2. The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims patentable over any applied references.

See 37 CFR 1.111. The examiner notes that applicant sole argument merely submits that "the analysis of the U.S. PTO does not appear to establish differences between the subject matter claimed and the information in the applied references...." It is asserted that the prior Office action made every effort to apply the claim rejections in a detailed and specific manner, including citations to the reference characters and column and line citations. Applicant in turn is also requested to provide page and line citations to the original disclosure in support of the amended subject matter.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julian Mercado whose telephone number is (571) 272-1289. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick J. Ryan, can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

  
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